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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**  
**NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL**  
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Dear Allen:

On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the passage of the National Security Act of 1947, I wish to extend on behalf of the NSC Staff warm congratulations to the Central Intelligence Agency, to you as its present Director, as well as to your predecessors, and to the Intelligence Advisory Committee, all of whom have labored to such good purpose in the interests of providing our country with foreign intelligence service commensurate with the exacting requirements of our times.

Throughout this decade, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Intelligence Community in general, have steadily increased their contribution to the goals of the National Security Act, and to the work of the National Security Council in particular.

The fruitful collaboration between the representatives of CIA and the Council's Staff has been a matter of great satisfaction to me as Executive Secretary of the National Security Council, as it was to your and my predecessor, Sidney Souers. It will be my purpose to do all in my power to maintain and develop this relationship.

Apart from our official connections as set forth in the National Security Act, I feel I must add a personal note of pride on the achievements of CIA. Both Everett Gleason and I had some small part in the steps by which, during and after the second World War, a national intelligence service emerged. Accordingly, we take particular pleasure in the impressive accomplishments which have been recorded in the subsequent years under you and your predecessors.

I would also like to say that I have thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed our association in this important work over these many years.

Sincerely yours

JAMES S. LAY, JR.

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The Honorable Allen Dulles  
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